

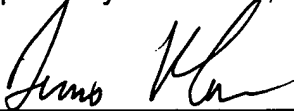
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**Remarks**

Entry of the amendment to the specification is respectfully requested in order to provide written description or support for claim 15. It is submitted that no new matter is entered because claim 15 as originally presented recited a water content in the recovered pellets of less than 2 % by weight.

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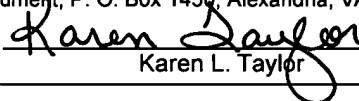
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